



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 03-002
Prompted By: LAW OFFICE
Date Opened: 05/07/2003
Principal Investigator: STEVE CHAN
Subject: STEERING COLUMN SEPARATION

Manufacturer: DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION
Products: 1993-1995 ALL DAIMLERCHRYSLER MODELS
Population: 5454029

Problem Description: STEERING COLUMN MAY FAIL DUE TO SEPARATION OF SECTIONS OF THE SHAFT, RESULTING IN LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4	0	4
Crashes/Fires:	1	0	1
Injury Incidents:	1	0	1
# Injuries:	1	0	1
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: THE PETITION WILL BE EVALUATED FOR A GRANT OR A DENIAL DECISION.

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Date: 05/08/2003
Date: 05/08/2003
Date: 05/08/2003

Summary: FAILURE REPORTS DO NOT INCLUDE: (1) THOSE COUNTED IN THE FOLLOWING STEERING COLUMN FAILURE INVESTIGATIONS: PE93-091 ON 1993 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, PE96-047 ON 1994-1995 DODGE RAM SERIES TRUCKS, AND RQ97-004 ON 1993-1995 JEEP CHEROKEE/1994-1995 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE; AND (2) THOSE ON THE 1993 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE AND 1994-1995 DODGE RAM SERIES TRUCKS THAT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RECALLED (93V210 & 96V230) AS THE RESULTS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS.

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☐ [REDACTED] SUBMITTED A PETITION TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) BY LETTER DATED APRIL 18, 2003, REQUESTING THAT NHTSA FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE "DEFECTIVE COLLAPSIBLE STEERING SHAFT SYSTEM" ON 1987-1995 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION.

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☐ BECAUSE OF 49 CFR § 30120(G) AND 49 CFR PART 576.5, NHTSA HAS DECIDED TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THE PETITION VEHICLES TO 1993-1995 MODELS (EXCLUDING